

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR NOVEL AND COORDINATED SCHEMES UNDER SGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether 15% of the funds allocated for SGSY is set apart for novel and coordinated schemes of different Ministries;
- (b) if so, the details of the activities selected for such schemes and their suitability for availing this assistance earmarked by the Government; (
- (c) whether the Government propose to consider a joint scheme with the Ministry of Environment for creating employment for forest-dependent people living near sanctuaries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to coordinate efforts to make the SGSY a success oriented scheme ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a)&(b): Under the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), 15% of the funds is kept apart for trying new initiatives in Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation. The projects for this scheme can be posed by other Government Departments, Semi-Government Organisations and International Organisations. The Ministry of Environment and Forests can also pose a project. The target groups of the projects should comprise of families living Below Poverty Line (BPL) in rural areas. There is no pre-determined specific activity for these projects, since the projects are to be formulated on the basis of local needs and conditions and resources availability and as per guidelines prescribed.

(c)&(d): If the Ministry of Environment & Forests poses such a project, the Ministry of Rural Development can consider it. The need for coordination arises only after a project is sanctioned.